## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original): A compound of the Formula I:

$$R^{1}R^{2}N$$
 $N$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $R^{5}$ 
 $R^{6}$ 
 $R^{6}$ 
 $R^{6}$ 

Formula I

wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, phenyl(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>u</sub>- wherein u is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, (1-6C)alkanoyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, (3-6C)cycloalkyl(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub>- in which x is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring, or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring optionally containing another hetero atom selected from N or O;

wherein the (1-6C)alkyl, the (1-6C)alkanoyl and the (3-6C)cycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, carbamoyl, mono(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, –N(R<sup>d</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl in which R<sup>d</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring, or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring,

wherein the (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy and (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy groups and the (1-6C)alkyl groups of the mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, mono(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl and/or -N(R<sup>d</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl groups are optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy groups;

wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from halo, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl and the (1-6C)alkoxy groups

are optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino;

and wherein any heterocyclic and heteroaryl rings within R¹ and/or R² are optionally independently substituted by one or more of the following: (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkoxy(1-4C)alkyl, hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or -C(O)(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>z</sub>Y wherein z is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and Y is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring;

and provided that when R<sup>1</sup> and/or R<sup>2</sup> is a (1C)alkanoyl group, then the (1C)alkanoyl is not substituted by fluoro or hydroxy;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, (1-6C)alkyl or (1-6C)alkoxy, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl and the (1-6C)alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from: fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, carbamoyl, mono(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein said heterocyclic and heteroaryl rings are optionally independently substituted by one or more of the following: (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring; or one of R³ and R⁴ is as defined above and the other represents a group -NR¹R² as defined above:

A represents an aryl group or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring selected from furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or 1,3,5-triazinyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is selected from cyclopropyl, cyano, halo, (1-6C)alkoxy or (1-6C)alkyl, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl and the (1-6C)alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by cyano or by one or more fluoro;

**n** is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

- L is attached meta or para on ring A with respect to the point of attachment of the ethynyl group and represents -C(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)C(O)N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)C(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)O-, or -OC(O)-N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, wherein R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> independently represent hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl and wherein R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> independently represent hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together with the carbon atom to which they are attached represent (3-6C)cycloalkyl;
- **B** represents a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring, an aryl group, a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring selected from furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or 1,3,5-triazinyl, or a 8, 9 or 10 membered bicyclic group which optionally contains 1, 2, 3 or 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S and which is saturated, partially saturated or aromatic;
- R<sup>6</sup> is selected from halo, cyano, oxo, a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring, and -N(R<sup>c</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl in which R<sup>c</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl; or
- R<sup>6</sup> is selected from (1-6C)alkyl, -S(O)<sub>p</sub>-(1-6C)alkyl wherein p is 0, 1 or 2, or (1-6C)alkoxy, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl, -S(O)<sub>p</sub>-(1-6C)alkyl and the (1-6C)alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from cyano, fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring; and

wherein the (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring and saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring are optionally independently substituted by one or more groups selected from (1-6C)alkyl; and

**m** is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

and when B is a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or a saturated or partially saturated 8, 9 or 10 membered bicyclic group, the rings and the bicyclic group optionally bear 1 or 2 oxo or thioxo substituents:

and salts thereof.

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- 2. (Original): A compound of Formula I according to Claim 1, wherein:
  - R<sup>6</sup> is selected from halo, cyano, a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or an alkanoylamino group -N(R<sup>c</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl in which R<sup>c</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl; or R<sup>6</sup> is selected from (1-6C)alkyl or (1-6C)alkoxy, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl and the (1-6C)alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from cyano, fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring;
- (Original): A compound of the Formula I according to claim 1, wherein:
  - R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, phenyl(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>u</sub>- wherein u is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, (1-6C)alkanoyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, or (3-6C)cycloalkyl(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub>- in which x is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring optionally containing another hetero atom selected from N or O;
    - wherein the alkyl and the cycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein said heterocyclic and heteroaryl rings are optionally independently substituted by one or more of the following: (1-4C)alkyl, hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring;
    - and wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halo, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl or (1-6C)alkoxy are optionally substituted by hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino;
    - R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, (1-6C)alkyl or (1-6C)alkoxy wherein the alkyl and the alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more

groups selected from fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein said heterocyclic and heteroaryl rings are optionally independently substituted by one or more of the following: (1-4C)alkyl, hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring;

- or one of  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  is as defined above and the other represents a group  $-NR^1R^2$  as defined above:
- **R**<sup>5</sup> is selected from cyano, halo, (1-6C)alkoxy or (1-6C)alkyl optionally substituted by cyano or by one or more fluoro;
- **B** represents a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring, an aryl or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring selected from furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or 1,3,5-triazinyl;
- R<sup>6</sup> is selected from halo, cyano, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or an alkanoylamino group -N(R<sup>c</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl in which R<sup>c</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl; or R<sup>6</sup> is selected from (1-6C)alkyl or (1-6C)alkoxy, wherein the alkyl and the alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from cyano, fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring; and
- m is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and when m is at least 2 then two substituents on adjacent carbon atoms in ring B may together represent a methylenedioxy group;

and wherein A, L and n are as defined in Claim 1. and salts thereof.

4. (Previously amended): A compound according to Claim 1 wherein A is selected from phenyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl or pyrimidinyl.

- 5. (Prevously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein B is selected from phenyl, 2,3-di-hydro-indenyl, piperidinyl, pyridyl, pyrazolyl, isothiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isoxazolyl, benzodioxinyl, benzodioxolyl or tetrahydropyranyl
- 6. (Previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein L is selected from -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)O- or -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>- wherein R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> independently represent hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl.
- (Previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are both hydrogen or R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl and R<sup>2</sup> is (1-6C)alkyl wherein (1-6Calkyl) is optionally substituted by hydroxy, amino,

mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di(1-6C)alkylamino, carbamoyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, -N(R<sup>d</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl in which R<sup>d</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, aryl (particularily phenyl), a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7

membered heterocyclic ring or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring;

wherein the (1-6C)alkoxy, mono(1-6C)alkylamino and -N(R<sup>d</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl groups are optionally substituted by hydroxy;

- wherein an aryl ring, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring is optionally substituted by (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxy or -C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>Y wherein Y is selected from hydroxy or di(1-6C)alkylamino.
- 8. (Previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ and R⁴ are both hydrogen.
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Original): A compound according to Claim 1 which is any one or more of examples 1 to 152 or a salt thereof.
- 11. (Previously amended): A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as defined in claim 1 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
- 12. (Previously canceled)

- 13. (Previously canceled)
- 14. (Previously canceled)
- 15. (Currently amended): A process for preparing a compound of formula I, or salt thereof, as defined in Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof (wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup> L, ring A and ring B, n and m are, unless otherwise specified, as defined in Claim 1) comprising:
  - (a) For compounds of the formula I wherein L is -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)N(H)-, the reaction of a compound of the formula II:

$$R^{1}R^{2}N$$
 $N$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $R^{5}$ 
 $R^$ 

wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, n and A have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary, with an isocyanate of the formula IV:

$$O = N - \left( \frac{R^6}{B} \right)_{n}$$

wherein R<sup>6</sup>, m and B have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary; or

(b) For compounds of the formula I wherein L is -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)N(H)-, the reaction of a compound of the formula II as defined above with an aryl carbamate of the formula III:

wherein Ar is a suitable aryl group and R<sup>6</sup>, m and B have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary; or

(c) For compounds of the formula I wherein L is N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)-O-, the reaction of a compound of the formula II as defined above with a compound of the formula XI:

$$Lg^{1} \underbrace{O}_{O} \underbrace{(R^{6})_{m}}_{M}$$

wherein Lg<sup>1</sup> is a suitable displaceable group and R<sup>6</sup>, m and B have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary; or

(d) For compounds of the formula I wherein L is N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)C(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), the reaction of a compound of the formula II as defined above with a compound of the formula IX:

$$Lg^{2}$$

$$R^{b}$$

$$R^{b}$$

$$R^{b}$$

wherein  $Lg^2$  is a suitable displaceable group,  $R^x$ -C(O)-O- or  $R^x$ -O- (wherein  $R^x$  is a suitable alkyl or aryl group) and  $R^6$ ,  $R^a$ ,  $R^b$ , m and B have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary; or

(e) For compounds of the formula I wherein L is -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)N(H)-, the reaction of a compound of the formula II as defined above with a trichloroacetylamine of the formula XIII:

wherein R<sup>6</sup>, m and B have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary; or

(f) For compounds of the formula I wherein L is -C(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)C(O)N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, the reaction of a compound of the formula XIV:

wherein  $Lg^2$  is a suitable displaceable group as described above and  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^a$ ,  $R^b$ , n and A have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary, with an amine of the formula XV:

$$\begin{array}{c}
H \\
R^9
\end{array}$$
 $\begin{array}{c}
(R^6)_m \\
B
\end{array}$ 

wherein R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, m and B have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary; or

(g) The reaction of a compound of the formula XVI:

$$Lg^{3} \xrightarrow{N} \underbrace{R^{3}}_{N} \underbrace{R^{5})_{n}}_{A} \underbrace{L} \underbrace{R^{6})_{m}}_{A}$$

wherein Lg³ is a suitable displaceable group for example halogene methyl sulfonyl, methylthio or arylexy and R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, n, m, A, B and L have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary, with an amine of the formula HNR¹R², wherein R¹ and R² have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary; or

(h) The reaction of a compound of the formula XVII:

$$Lg^{4} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} R^{5} \end{pmatrix}_{n}}_{XVII} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} R^{6} \end{pmatrix}_{m}}_{B}$$

wherein Lg<sup>4</sup> is a suitable displaceable group or a sulfonyloxy group and R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, n, m, A, B and L have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary, with an alkyne of the formula XVIII:

$$R^{1}R^{2}N$$
 $N$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $N$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $N$ 

wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary; or

(i) For compounds of the formula I wherein L is  $-N(H)C(O)N(R^9)$ -, the reaction of an isocyanate of the formula XIX:

$$R^{1}R^{2}N \xrightarrow{N} R^{4} XIX$$

$$R^{1}R^{2}N \xrightarrow{R^{4}} XIX$$

wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, n and A have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary, with an amine of the formula XV as defined above; or

(j) For compounds of the formula I wherein L is -N(H)C(O)N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, the reaction of a compound of the formula XX:

$$R^{2}R^{1}N \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} R^{3} & (R^{5})_{n} & O \\ A & N & H \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} R^{4} & XX \end{pmatrix}$$

wherein Ar is a suitable aryl group and R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, n and A have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary, with an amine of the formula XV as defined above.

and thereafter if necessary:

- i) converting a compound of the Formula (I) into another compound of the Formula (I);
- ii) removing any protecting groups;
- iii) forming a salt.

16. (Previously amended): A compound selected from Formulae II, XIV, XVI, XIX and XX as defined in Claim 15, wherein A is a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring selected from furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or 1,3,5-triazinyl

or a compound of Formula VIc:

$$Lg^{3} \xrightarrow{N} R^{4} \qquad (R^{5})_{n}$$

$$N = A$$

$$N$$

or salt thereof, wherein A is a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring selected from furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or 1,3,5-triazinyl and Lg³, R³, R⁴, R⁵ and n are as defined in Claim 15.

- 17. (Previously presented): A method of inhibiting Tie2 receptor tyrosine kinase in a warm-blooded animal in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1.
- 18. (Previously Presented): A method for producing an anti-angiogenic effect in a warm-blooded animal in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in claim 1.
- 19. (New): A compound of the Formula I:

$$R^{1}R^{2}N$$
 $N$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $R^{5}$ 
 $R^{6}$ 
 $R^{6}$ 
 $R^{6}$ 

Formula I

## wherein:

R¹ and R² are independently selected from hydrogen, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, phenyl(CH₂)u- wherein u is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, (1-6C)alkanoyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, (3-6C)cycloalkyl(CH₂)x- in which x is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring, or R¹ and R² together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring optionally containing another hetero atom selected from N or O:

wherein the (1-6C)alkyl, the (1-6C)alkanoyl and the (3-6C)cycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, carbamoyl, mono(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, –N(R<sup>d</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl in which R<sup>d</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring, or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring,

wherein the (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy and (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy groups and the (1-6C)alkyl groups of the mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, mono(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl and/or -N(R<sup>d</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl groups are optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy groups;

wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from halo, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl and the (1-6C)alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino;

and wherein any heterocyclic and heteroaryl rings within R¹ and/or R² are optionally independently substituted by one or more of the following: (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkoxy(1-4C)alkyl, hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or -C(O)(CH₂)zY wherein z is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and Y is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring;

and provided that when R<sup>1</sup> and/or R<sup>2</sup> is a (1C)alkanoyl group, then the (1C)alkanoyl is not substituted by fluoro or hydroxy;

- R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, (1-6C)alkyl or (1-6C)alkoxy, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl and the (1-6C)alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups independently selected from: fluoro, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, carbamoyl, mono(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein said heterocyclic and heteroaryl rings are optionally independently substituted by one or more of the following: (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, mono(1-6C)alkylamino or di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino or a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring; or one of R³ and R⁴ is as defined above and the other represents a group −NR¹R² as defined above;
- A represents an aryl group or a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring selected from furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or 1,3,5-triazinyl;
  - R<sup>5</sup> is selected from cyclopropyl, cyano, halo, (1-6C)alkoxy or (1-6C)alkyl, wherein the (1-6C)alkyl and the (1-6C)alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by cyano or by one or more fluoro;

**n** is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

- L is attached meta or para on ring A with respect to the point of attachment of the ethynyl group and represents -C(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)C(O)N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)C(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>8</sup>)C(O)O-, or -OC(O)-N(R<sup>9</sup>)-, wherein R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> independently represent hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl and wherein R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> independently represent hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together with the carbon atom to which they are attached represent (3-6C)cycloalkyl;
- **B** represents a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring, an aryl group, a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring selected from furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridyl,

pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or 1,3,5-triazinyl, or a 8, 9 or 10 membered bicyclic group which optionally contains 1, 2, 3 or 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S and which is saturated, partially saturated or aromatic;

R<sup>6</sup> is independently selected from halo, cyano, oxo, (3-7C)cycloalkyl, a saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring (optionally substituted by (1-4C)alkyl), -N(R<sup>c</sup>)C(O)(1-6C)alkyl wherein R<sup>c</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl), (1-6C)alkyl (optionally

substituted by up to three groups independently selected from halo) or (1-6C)alkoxy;

and

m is 1 or 2;

and when B is a (3-7C)cycloalkyl ring, a saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring or a saturated or partially saturated 8, 9 or 10 membered bicyclic group, the rings and the bicyclic group optionally bear 1 or 2 oxo or thioxo substituents:

and salts thereof.